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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 8, 2005 ("the Office Action"), please consider the following amendments and remarks in favor of the allowance of this application.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 11 of this paper.